

Philad.^a Apr. 24. 1779.

Sir

The inclosed Copy of a Letter to the continental Treasurer is sent to inform the hon^{ble} Assembly that, agreeable to the Tenor thereof, we have made a further appropriation of the Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars out of the one hundred and fifty thousand which Congress ordered on the 5th of this month to be advanced to the State on account.

Mr Purviance informed us that Gentlemen in this City were desirous of purchasing the Draughts of his Prothers on the Board of War; but we thought it more eligible to order the Bills to be negotiated by the Treasurer, lest they should be presented to the Board of War at a Time when they were not in Cash to answer the Draughts. We hope for the concurrence of the Assembly in this Affair.

In Council May 3. 1779 We are with much Truth
Read & Laid down Sir your very humble Servants
John Avery
Hon^{ble} President
of the Council
of Massachusetts Bay.
Samuel Adams
Gerry
James Lovell
J. Mott

My dear Mr. [illegible]

[The body of the letter contains approximately 15 lines of extremely faint, handwritten text in cursive script. The ink is very light, making the words largely illegible. The text appears to be a formal letter, possibly discussing business or personal matters.]

Letter from the
Delegates of this
State at Congress
Phila. April 24. 1779

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